Canal Loop, Pipar road-Bilara with extension to Bar, Phulera-Ringas-Rewari, Loharu-Jhunjhunu-Sikar, Degana-Ratangarh-Churu-Rewari and Rewari-Sadulpur MG lines into BG were also received.

Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed

5148. SHRI CR THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for providing self-employment to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, handicapped and other categories through bookstalls at railway stations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Commission/royalty from contractors of Railways

5149. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARSU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1997 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 1997 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commission/Royalty at the rate of 15% is being recovered from bookstall contractors for supply fo newspapers in Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express Trains;

(b) if so, whehter any separate agreement is executed with bookstall contractors in this regard by each of the Zonal Railways; and

(c) if not, what are the detailed reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIWLAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Instructions exist that whenever newspapers are procured from Bookstall owners other than those from whom royalty is being charged on sales turnover, commission charges should be recovered at the rate of 15 per cent of the cost of the newspaper or 50 per cent of the commission received by the newspapers agent whichever is higher. The agreement is being executed on those Railways which are procuring newspapers in this manner.